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SHANGHAI, NANKING, KOBÉ & YOKO, Japan.	CHANGHAI	J. CHERRY, R.M.S.	10 a.m., 14th December.
LONDON, &c.	MIRAPORA	T. WICKENDEN	Noon, 16th December.
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MASONS' HALL, Edoard Street, 7 on  
THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4.00 for  
4.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN  
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**DENTISTRY.**

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Hongkong, 19th Dec. 1897.







the morning of the 19th they weighed 1500 lbs. and at 10.30 a.m. they reached Point Bear Lighthouse, on the coast of Baffin. The lighthouse keeper bound up his wounds with his own hands, and the doctor provided him with clothing, treated him with the utmost kindness, and sent him on his road, Tobak, by boat. Here he met with a very kind reception, and his many wounds proved poor excuses for his absence. Thanks to a strong constitution no swelling appears to have set in, and the lists, taking the circumstances into consideration, in comparatively good health. The list is known to be almost a total abstinence, his fall into the water cannot be attributed to his poor health, a general attack of the flu, the swamps and the cold. The swamps are very numerous, and are very marshy, containing the most dangerous snakes are swarming with charles, and there are numerous alligators in the mangrove swamps. —Erie Press.







HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, December 11, 1897.  
At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.	Chinese Name.
Bacon, English, lb.	水烟猪肉
" Am. Sugar cured, "	花旗猪肉
" Foochow, "	福州猪肉
" Japan, cured, "	日本猪肉
Boat, mutton & prime cut, catty	屠猪
" Corned, "	罐牛肉
" Head, "	罐牛肉
" Soup, "	罐牛肉
" Steak, "	罐牛肉
Ballcock's Brains, per set	牛脑
" Tongue fresh, each	牛舌
" " corned, "	牛舌
" Head, "	牛舌
" Heart, "	牛舌
" Hump, Salt, catty	牛舌
" Feet, each	牛舌
" Kidneys, "	牛舌
" Tail, "	牛舌
" Liver, catty	牛肝
" Tripe (undressed) catty	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	牛头
Hams, American, lb.	花旗火腿
" Chinese, "	金猪火腿
" English, New, "	来路火腿
" Japan cured, "	日本火腿
" Shanghai, "	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, "	羊排
" Leg, "	羊腿
" Shoulder, "	羊肩
Pigs' Chittlings, catty	猪杂
" Feet, "	猪脚
" Fry, "	猪脚
" Head, each	猪头
" Heart, "	猪心
" Kidneys, pair	猪腰
" Liver, lb.	猪肝
Pork Chop, catty	猪排
" Corned, "	罐猪肉
" Leg, "	罐猪肉
" Fat or Lard, set	猪油
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	羊头
" Heart, each	羊心
" Kidneys, "	羊腰
" Liver, lb.	羊肝
Sucking Pig, each	生猪肉
Stout, Beef, lb.	生猪肉
" Mutton, "	生猪肉
Veal, catty	生猪肉

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THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. Kewick presided at the Annual Dinner of the China Association on the 14th November, and in proposing the toast of the evening, 'Prosperity to the China Association,' said: 'I am sure you all regret that Lord Loch, the President of this Association, is not here to-night to occupy the chair which I am endeavouring to fill. Lord Loch is absent on the Continent, and has not been able to return in time to preside here. I feel that it is unfortunate that he has not been able to take the chair, because I am sure from him we should have had an address full of the experiences and knowledge of a veteran, and which this Association would have been of use and material advantage in considering the position of China and of our future relations with that great Empire. I have, therefore, gentlemen, to ask you to be considerate towards me in endeavouring to put before you the best of the evening, which is 'Prosperity to the China Association' (Applause). It is seven years since this Association was formed, and during that period I believe that its usefulness has been acknowledged by all the members of the Association, and by the many who have not joined us. Those seven years have been periods of immense importance in the history of the world, and during that time the relations of Europe towards the East. The China-Japan war has introduced a new feature into the condition of things in the Celestial Empire. After the great war with our country, which was a great victory for us, and ended in 1895, Russia made advances, and which only cost her the occupation of territory, while Europe (I mean by Europe, at that time, England and France) made sacrifices and obtained advantages, but these advantages were obtained for the whole world. The war acquired which was not equally open to every nation in the world (Applause). Ever since that period France has encroached upon China, and her policy has been to limit the intercourse and commerce of England with the territories which she has acquired. Russia at that time was advancing rapidly upon Chinese territory, as she has again recently done, though perhaps not in such an open manner as in the first period I speak of, and has acquired an influence in Manchuria which means that after a sufficient period of digestion has elapsed, she will become a part of the Russian Empire. An institution like ours has rendered important service in the past, in watching these advances, and in endeavouring to bring our conceptions of their importance before the authorities of our country. In proposing the toast of 'Prosperity to the China Association,' I feel that in looking back to what the Association has done we may take courage and say, 'Yes, let the Association prosper, and let it have our best wishes' (Applause). The Association has undertaken the representation of all our interests in China, and our most excellent Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. Kewick, has been in constant communication with China, has written a report on the Inland Duties of China, India, and the transit pass system, which undoubtedly is the most authentic, the best and most comprehensive statement of the condition of things in the Chinese Empire which we have to our hands. I do not think that there has ever been compiled (Applause). In addition to drawing attention to these inland charges it has also been this Association's duty to advocate the importance of opening new ports in China—of opening the navigable rivers and waterways, and of introducing the railway system, which would only be of advantage to us, but more essentially, advantageous to China. I must say, however, that in China there appears to be an absolute absence of anything like statecraft. I do not believe that there is a single man in the Chinese Empire who thoroughly understands that, unless there be improvement, unless there be reform, and progress in accordance with the views of the Western Powers, there must be such a decadence in China as will inevitably lead to the dismemberment of the Empire. There is such a decadence now going on, there is corruption throughout the country, there are so many high officials looking after self, and there are so few, if indeed any, who are inspired with those patriotic views which ought to keep statesmen pure and enable them to govern for the welfare of their country, that it is almost impossible to be filled with despair. There is a total absence of the governing faculty, and the chief tendency at the present time is to put off till to-morrow what we would be unpleasant to perform to-day. We have seen this in the finances of China, and notably in every promised reform, however urgently needed. It fills one, as I have said, with despair, because there is only one and to us, and that is not an immediate but a gradual and certain destruction of the Empire. This is a melancholy view; but what has Russia done in the south, and what is France doing in the north? An understanding between these two Powers means encroachment on both ends, and China is as helpless as a child in the middle. I do not think that there is that influence in China which will ever rescue her from the doom which seems to be overhanging her. (Applause). Now, gentlemen, these views which I entertain may be wrong. I do not think they are; but whether they are or not it is very important to make this Association strong, and to make it a great and powerful body. There will be revision of the Treaties presently; there will be the great question of the duties that are to be imposed; there will be great questions in connection with the inland taxation to which our goods are subject. These questions require to be met, and we have to bring before Her Majesty's Government, we have received the greatest consideration and the very most attention to our representations, and it is with very great pleasure that I can refer to Her Majesty's Minister in Peking as a minister to whom we look upon as a just and able man and a most energetic representative of our country. (Applause)—as one who has at heart every interest that we hold dear, and who will during his office, I am sure, do everything that is possible to promote our interests. (Applause). I hope in what I have said, gentlemen, I have justified the toast which is: 'Prosperity to the China Association.'

MEMO ABOUT SINGAPORE.

SPECIALY WRITTEN FOR THE USE OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.  
(By an Invaluable Contributor.)  
The climate of Singapore is bad for 'Mems.' Ladies can never find anything to do. (What? Never!)  
The Common Law of Change does not apply to the climate of Singapore which is equally hot. Equity steps in and overrules the Common Law.  
Singapore is the most important place in the world. If you don't believe it, ask the Chamber of Commerce, or the Tanjong Pagar Directors.  
Singapore is inhabited by white men and black men. There are many, too, who are half—especially black.  
Monday in Singapore is a great virtue, when it is found. (But if you start looking for it you often find the other thing.)  
Singapore is governed by a Governor. He is autocratic. He is nominally assisted in his government by officials and 'Unofficials.' The latter talk a great deal but are only ornamental, the former don't talk and are also only ornamental. (My's! perky.)  
Cricket, Golf, Football and other forms of sport are very popular in Singapore. They serve two uses: they are incentives to exercise and to thievery. (For the latter a little incitement often goes a very long way.)  
Stengahs (i.e. W. and S.) are very plentiful in Singapore, especially after five p.m. (Students of the Malay language baffle by acquiring this word. It is the hardest word in the dictionary.)  
Chinamen form the principal import into Singapore. A few figure among the Deputies. (Two few.)  
Singapore Society is exclusive. It excludes poverty; nothing else.  
Credit is unlimited for residents in Singapore, until the crash comes; then flight or starvation is imperative.  
There are two classes among European firms in Singapore: Towns and Juniors. The latter are hard worked for little pay, the former are well paid for little work.  
Gambling is prohibited in Singapore. There are no bookmakers, only Totalisators and poker parties. Lotteries frequently take place in the Assize Courts, and in St. Andrew's Cathedral, with a honey-moon to follow.  
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Natives in Singapore are litigiously spiteful; they love bribery and perjury as they love their own souls. (The motives don't matter: if the fees are paid.)  
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